

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

May 12, 1964

4:00 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Absent: Councilman White

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney

MAYOR PALMER announced this was a Special Meeting of the City Council called for the purpose of reading and passing an ordinance creating a Human Relations Commission.

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION;
PRESCRIBING ITS COMPOSITION, TERM OF OFFICE, AND DUTIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Shanks moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman White

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Shanks moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman White

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Shanks moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried

by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman White

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long made the following statement regarding her vote:

"I vote 'aye' with reservations. I do not think it is strong enough, and I am hoping that we will be able in the near future to see the need for committees that can work with this Human Relations Commission and encompass more people in the City to become concerned in this program." Councilman Long reiterated this reservation after each reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Palmer made the following statement regarding the passage of the Ordinance:

"I hope the City will realize the intent and purpose set out. Many times there can be a strong Ordinance; and if people do not subscribe to it, it will do no good. With good intent and a good strong Commission, we can accomplish what we want to in Austin. We hope there will be a continuation of the good feeling that we have had in Austin among all people, and hope and pray this will accomplish what we wish."

Councilman LaRue made the following statement regarding the passage of the Ordinance:

"We have been working on this problem now. This problem has been in existence for some 100 years; and to hope it will be overcome in a period of days is out of the question; but with the thought and consideration that has been put on this for the last six weeks, I sincerely hope that all groups and all individuals will participate in making this work, and I feel and sincerely believe it can and will work because of the cooperation the City has given already."

There being no further business Councilman LaRue moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman White

The Council adjourned at 4:30 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Lucius T. Palmer
Mayor

ATTEST:

Eric Hooley
City Clerk